



“Our God is a Missionary God”

Acts 1:1-11

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Prayer:

As you read through Acts 1:1-11, pray that the Lord would reveal to you His heart for the nations. Pray that God would open your eyes to the lost people around you and that He would give you the boldness to share the truth of the Gospel with them.

Scripture:

Read the following passages and write down how they reveal that our God is a missionary God.

Matthew 28:19-20 –

Luke 24:45-48 –

Psalm 67:1-7 –

Study Questions:

In Acts 1:8 Jesus tells His disciples, “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you...” What is the Holy Spirit’s role in evangelism and the proclamation of the Gospel (1 Thess. 1:5, Acts 10:38)? Are you relying upon the Holy Spirit’s power when telling other’s about Christ?

The Great Commission in Matthew 28:19-20 is a call to all believers. The “commission” is for everyone one of us to be a part of making disciples of all the nations. Why is it so easy for us to become so focused on ourselves that we forget this command? How do we combat our tendency toward being inwardly focused in our life so that we can focus on taking the Gospel to everyone around us (outwardly focused)?

Read Acts 4:12, John 14:6, and Romans 1:13-15. According to those verses, why is it so important that we tell others about Jesus? Is it important that we hold to the truth of these verses, namely that faith in Jesus Christ is the only way to be saved from the penalty of our sin? Why?

Jesus said that the disciples were to take the Gospel to their surrounding cities but also to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:8). Are you committed to being someone that goes and/or sends others to all ends of the earth (i.e. the foreign mission field)? In what ways do you see the church committing to doing this?

“Missions is not the ultimate goal of the church. Worship is. Missions exists because worship doesn’t.”
John Piper